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TRAINING OF ENGINEERS CORPS OF ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the College of Military Engineering,Pune,provides training to personnel of the corps of engineers of Indian and foreign armed forces;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any understanding with various countries to promote defence cooperation;

(d) if so,the details thereof and the reasons for imparting training to personnel of the foreign countries;and

(e) the extent to which the training to personnel of the foreign countries has benefited the Indian armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The details of the personnel of Indian Armed Forces and friendly foreign countries imparted training during the last three years and in the current year at the College of Military Engineering,Pune,are given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e): The Government of India,Ministry of Defence has signed Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement with various foreign countries to promote Defence cooperation.This includes imparting training to Defence personnel of some friendly foreign countries in our Defence training institutions.The enhances mutual understanding between Defence personnel of both the countries and provides an impetus to on-going Defence cooperation.